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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1635

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 08888.0530-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Patrick BENOIT et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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Application No.: 10/005,337	)	Examiner: Terra C. Gibbs
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Filed: December 7, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 9440
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For: SEQUENCES UPSTREAM OF THE	)	<b>Mail Stop AF</b>
CARP GENE, VECTORS	)	
CONTAINING THEM AND USES	)	
THEREOF	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the final Office Action mailed June 30, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. By virtue of the shortened statutory period set by the Office, this reply is due by September 30, 2004, and is timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.